



Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

2004

Lots of general news to carry you into the New Year.

Our programmes should be available before Christmas and this year will not have your name on the front so please just take one.

Our biggest change to start from January 2004 is our permanent move to the Drake Room.

Monday night bridge will be advised each week so you will have to check the front notice board to know where play will be.

Tablecloths and bidding pads will still have to be cleared off the table on most days, but the Director will advise you about general tidying up.

Our change to the Drake Room means that Wednesday bridge will not start till **2 p.m.** This is because Indoor Bowls is on a Wednesday morning and they will not be finishing until at least 1 p.m. We hope that as the days go along we may be able to change the start time to 1.30 p.m. but this will have to wait till we see how it all fits in.

At the request of the C.C.L.C Board John Lehane, Lyn Pears and George Boettiger attended a meeting with the C.C.L.C executive. The matter at issue was their perceived view of the Bridge Club's lack of support, indeed their opposition to the efforts of the C.C.L.C and other registered Clubs to oppose the proposed increases in gaming machine taxes.

We assured the Executive that their perceptions were incorrect and pointed out that we showed our support by obtaining a significant number of signatures on the two petitions they circulated. We apologised for not having representation on the protest march in Sydney and explained how this non-representation had arisen. The C.C.L.C. executive responded very favourably to what we said.

Our Committee was disappointed that such a rumour could be heard by the C.C.L.C. as we have always stressed to members the benefits that we, as an internal club, receive.



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TABLE ETIQUETTE: Table etiquette has certainly been lacking lately amongst certain members. A bit more courtesy at the table by all would be appreciated. Please keep personal issues away from the table, and make it more enjoyable for all.

BIDDING PAD HOLDERS: I notice some members have been removing the square of grip from the bottom of the bidding pad holders. It was there to stop the holders from moving as the bidding proceeds – please take the effort and **lift the holder** when you want to move it on the table and not just take off the grip.

FEES: Within the next month you should receive your renewal notice from the Leagues Club – you will notice, if you are a home club member that they have risen by \$3.00. This increase has been made by the ABF. For all non-home club members the fee remains the same - \$2.2.0.

CHRISTMAS WEEK: Christmas cake and wine will be provided each day starting on Thursday 18th through to Wednesday 24th ENJOY!!

PLAYING DAYS: Bridge will not be on Monday night the 22nd, Christmas Day 25th and New Year Day 1st. Otherwise we are open for business !

STANDBYS: We desperately need some new people to volunteer to act as standby on various days. Please see a Committee member if you might be available to help out.

COMING EVENTS:

January, 2004

Friday 2nd - NEW YEAR'S CUP –

Monday 26th – AUSTRALIA DAY PAIRS

February, 2004

Thursday 5th – Intra Club Teams Day – 9.30 am start

Saturday 14th – Valentine's Day Pairs

Monday Night 16th – February Pairs

Thursday 26th – First session of the Matchpoint Medal starts.

SOME OF THE PERKS BEING OVER 60:

- There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
- Things you buy now won't wear out.
- You can live without sex but not without glasses.
- You have a party and the neighbours don't even realise it.
- Your secrets are safe with friends because they can't remember them either.
- You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks in the room.
- Your health plan is beginning to pay off.
- You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
- In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
